

REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 9-12 and 17 are now pending in the application. Claims 6 and 17 have been amended and all presently pending claims are now believed to be in allowable condition. Hence, favorable reconsideration and allowance of these claims, that is, the amended claims and their respective dependent claims, are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller (U.S. Pat. No. 2,936,926). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller. Applicant has cancelled these claims to expedite prosecution.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 7 and 9-12 are allowed, and that Claims 6 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claims 6 and 17 to be in independent form, such that Claims 6, 7, 9-12 and 17 should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all grounds of rejection have been addressed through this response and that all remaining claims should be deemed allowable. Should there be

any further questions regarding the claims or the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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